

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Jinglin LI et al

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For:

METHOD OF PREPARING

ENANTIOMERICALLY-ENRICHED TETRAHYDROBENZOTHIEPINE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the following information is submitted for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-captioned application. The information is identified on the attached PTO 1449 form. Copies of the cited references are not submitted herewith, but have been transmitted by the International Bureau. Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report for the prior PCT application.

Applicants do not waive any right to take appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate place to indicate that the document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

Applicants believe that no fee is necessary pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if a fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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I, Applicants have re-introduced claims 4 and 5 as new claims 65 and 66, respectively, to prosecute all the Group I claims at the same time. Since support for claims 65 and 66 is found in original claims 4 and 5, no new matter is introduced.

Prompt and favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

Under their duty of disclosure, Applicants hereby submit a photocopy of the Information Disclosure Statements submitted in the parent application (Application No. 09/581,897; now U.S. Patent No. 6,369,220; courtesy copy enclosed) for consideration and entry of the cited references into the file of the above-identified divisional application. Please note that the Applicants have not provided photocopies of the cited references previously submitted in the parent application. Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to the parent application for copies of those references.

Respectfully submitted,

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Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application

Information Disclosure Statement from parent application dated May 2, 2001 and Form PTO-1449

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement from parent application dated October 25, 2001 and Form PTO-1449

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56(a), 1.97 and 1.98 et seq., Applicants submit herewith the attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants have submitted each of the references cited on attached Form PTO 1449 with this paper. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and enter all the documents cited on the enclosed Form PTO 1449 into the file of the above-identified application. Applicants also request an indication of the same by return of the Form PTO 1449 being initialed and dated by the Examiner.

Please charge the fee of \$180.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0733. No additional fees are believed due to ensure consideration of the attached documents by the Examiner. However, if any additional fees are required or an overpayment of fees made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733, as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: October 25, 2001

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